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1. BEEN GIVEN PERTINENT BACKGROUND INTERIOR

TEAM'S INTEREST IN INDIAN RESEARCH RELATED TO HISTORIC AND
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES. WE WILL CABLE YOU HIS REACTIONS AS SOON AS
AVAILABLE.

2. SCIATT HAS BROUGHT INTERIOR'S INTERESTS TO THE ATTENTION OF

DR. HARI NARAIN, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTE (NGRI), HYDERABAD, AND SURVEYOR GENERAL OF INDIA.
HARI NARAIN WOULD WELCOME ANY MEMBERS OF THE TEAM TO HIS
INSTITUTE AT HYDERABAD. HARI NARAIN IS ALSO MEMBER FOR NATURAL
RESOURCES, GOI COMMITTEE ON S AND T CURRENTLY FORMULATING INDIA'S
FIVE YEAR S AND T PLAN.

3. PLEASE NOTE THAT K.L. RAO HAS RESIGNED AS MINISTER OF IRRI-
GATION AND POWER. S.N. GUPTA, JOINT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY
SUGGESTS TEAM VISITS CENTRAL SOIL MECHANICS AND CONCRETE RESEARCH
LABORATORY, NEW DELHI; U.P. IRRIGATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ROORKEE;
AND THE CENTRAL SALINITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, KARNAL IN ADDITION TO
THE INSTITUTIONS LISTED IN NEW DELHI A-364. HE RECOMMENDS A VISIT
TO THE 400 FT. EARTH AND ROCK FILLED RAMGANGA DAM UNDER CONSTRUCTION
50 MILES FROM DELHI. HE WILL ALSO HELP ARRANGE MEETING WITH
S.K. BANERJEE, JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND CHAIR-
MAN, CENTRAL GROUND WATER BOARD.

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4. PLEASE CABLE IF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE WISHES TO MEET WITH WILDLIFE PRESERVATION OFFICIALS ALSO. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE DEPUTY SECRETARY RANJITSINGH WOULD WELCOME SUCH VISIT. HE HANDLES WILDLIFE PRESERVATION COOPERATIVE PROJECTS, AND DRAFTED THE RECENTLY ENACTED WILDLIFE LAW.

5. PLEASE SEE NEW DELHI A-421, POUCHED YESTERDAY, FOR POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION WITH INDIAN INSTITUTIONS AT ROORKEE AND DEHRA DUN.

6. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TEAM IS WELCOME ANY TIME IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. PLEASE NOTE TWO TOP LEVEL INDO-US MEETINGS, ACADEMIC SUMMIT IN NEW DELHI JANUARY 7-9 AND THE PUGWASH IN HYDERABAD JANUARY 9-12 INVOLVING LARGE NUMBER OF INDIAN POLICY MAKERS. INTERIOR MAY LIKE TO CHOOSE A DATE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THESE TWO, PERHAPS, LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY.

7. WE WILL APPRECIATE ASAP NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR SPECIFIC INTERESTS. OUR INIAN CONTACTS ALSO HAVE ASKED FOR THIS INFORMATION.MOYNIHAN

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